

INEBRIA

International Network on Brief Interventions for Alcohol Problems.



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Breaking New Ground

8th-9th October, 2009

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SUBMISSION OF ABSTRACTS

Abstracts of presentations at the conference (oral presentations, posters or symposia) should be submitted by 12th June, 2009 by following instructions on the conference website <http://www.inebria2009.co.uk>.

How to get to the Conference venue

The Baltic Centre for Contemporary Art is on the south bank of the River Tyne at Gateshead Quays, South Shore Road, Gateshead, NE8 3BA (tel: +44 (0)191 478 1922).

Newcastle/ Gateshead is easy to get to whether you're travelling by air, road or rail:

- **By air** Newcastle International Airport is served by many airlines providing direct links from international and UK destinations, and is only 8 miles from the city centre.
- **By rail** Newcastle Central Station is in the heart of Newcastle city centre.
- **By road** The A1(M) passes through Newcastle/ Gateshead linking the area to London, the South, Scotland and major routes across the country.

Hotel information

Newcastle/Gateshead is packed full of accommodation options to suit all tastes and budgets. There is a huge choice both in the city centre and the surrounding area. Accommodation can be booked with the Newcastle/ Gateshead Convention Bureau: Accommodation Booking Service via a link from the conference website <http://www.inebria2009.co.uk>.

Additional information

For queries and additional information about the 6th INEBRIA Annual Conference, please contact

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The 6th Annual Conference of INEBRIA will take place at the BALTIC Centre for Contemporary Art, Gateshead, UK on 8th-9th October, 2009. Speakers include: Peter Anderson, Paul Cassidy, John Cunningham, Colin Drummond, Nick Heather, Eileen Kaner, Jim McCambridge, Jonathan Shepherd.

The conference aims to break new ground in the theory, research and implementation of screening and brief intervention (SBI) for alcohol use disorders. The effectiveness of SBI in primary health care is well established and evidence for its effectiveness in other medical settings is promising. At the same time, significant advances in the practical implementation of SBI are being made in various parts of the world. However, other essential aspects of SBI have received less attention and important potential applications remain under-explored. Some of these outstanding issues, which will receive special attention at the conference, are as follows:

- Theory of brief interventions – the essential mechanisms of successful response to SBI and the necessary and/or sufficient conditions under which brief interventions are effective;
- Optimal forms of screening in various medical and non-medical settings;
- Development and applications of SBI in the criminal justice setting;
- Brief interventions and the Internet;
- Development, evaluation and implementation of brief interventions tailored to the needs and requirements of young people;
- Application of SBI to black and minority ethnic groups;
- Innovative ways of encouraging health professionals to incorporate SBI in their routine work;
- Effective strategies for achieving integration of SBI in government policies;
- A global perspective on SBI – applications in parts of the world where SBI has yet to make much impact .

These and other ground-breaking topics will receive special attention at the conference, in addition to updates on research and applications regarding SBI in general and progress in meeting the aims of INEBRIA.

There will also be two interactive workshops covering the issues of embedding screening and brief interventions in practice and on the development of skills for effective brief intervention.

In addition to the main conference, there will be a special preconference symposium on 7th October on the Screening and Intervention Programme for Sensible Drinking (SIPS) project (also known as the “Trailblazer Project”). This is a research project funded by the Department of Health in the UK to pilot the implementation of SBI in primary health care, accident and emergency departments and criminal justice services. The symposium will provide an update on the progress of this major piece of research in the SBI field.

A conference banquet will take place on the evening of 8th October at St. James’ Park, the home of Newcastle United Football Club.

The 6th INEBRIA conference is sponsored by the World Health Organisation, NHS South of Tyne & Wear, Department of Health (England), Department of Health of the Government of Catalonia (Spain), the Alcohol Education & Research Council, Balance, Newcastle University and Northumbria University.

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REGISTRATION

Online registration can be made on the conference website <http://www.inebria2009.co.uk> or via a link on the main INEBRIA website <http://www.inebria.net>

Registration fees

- Full conference fee/early registration (by end of July 2009) = **£75**
- Full conference fee/late registration (after 31st July 2009) = **£125**
- Concessionary conference fee\early registration (by end of July 2009) = **£50***
- Concessionary conference fee\late registration (after 31st July 2009) = **£100***
- SIPS Pre-conference only will be free of charge

**Concessionary rates apply to full-time students and participants from developing and transitional countries (see <http://www.inebria2009.co.uk>) NB. Registration does not include the conference banquet which must be booked separately online.*